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Cole (OK)
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Davis, David
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Diaz-Balart, L.
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English (PA)
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Fossella
Frank (MA)
Frelinghuysen
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Green, Al
Green, Gene
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Herseth Sandlin
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Hooley
Hoyer
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Inslee
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Jackson (IL)
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Johnson (GA)
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Jordan
Kagen
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Kaptur
Keller
Kildee
Kilpatrick
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King (IA)
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Klein (FL)
Kline (MN)
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Kuhl (NY)
Lampson
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Larsen (WA)
Larson (CT)
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Lewis (GA)
Lewis (KY)
Lipinski
LoBiondo
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Lowey
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Mahoney (FL)
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McCarthy (CA)
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McMorris
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Meek (FL)
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Melancon
Michaud
Miller (MI)
Miller (NC)
Miller, Gary
Miller, George
Mitchell
Mollohan
Moore (KS)
Moore (WI)
Murphy (CT)
Murphy, Patrick
Murphy, Tim
Murtha
Musgrave
Nadler
Napolitano
Neal (MA)
Neugebauer
Nunes
Oberstar
Obey
Oliver

Ortiz
Pallone
Pascarell
Pastor
Payne
Pearce
Peterson (MN)
Peterson (PA)
Pickering
Platts
Pomeroy
Porter
Price (NC)
Pryce (OH)
Putnam
Rahall
Rangel
Regula
Rehberg
Reichert
Renzi
Reyes
Reynolds
Richardson
Rodriguez
Rogers (AL)
Rogers (KY)
Rogers (MI)
Ros-Lehtinen
Roskam
Ross
Rothman
Roybal-Allard
Ruppersberger
Rush
Ryan (OH)
Salazar
Sánchez, Linda
T.
Sanchez, Loretta
Sarbanes
Saxton
Schakowsky
Schiff
Schmidt
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Scott (GA)
Scott (VA)
Serrano
Sestak
Shays
Shea-Porter
Sherman
Shimkus
Shuler
Shuster
Simpson
Sires
Skelton
Slaughter
Smith (NE)
Smith (NJ)
Smith (TX)
Smith (WA)
Snyder
Solis
Souder
Space
Spratt
Stupak
Sullivan
Sutton
Tanner
Tauscher
Taylor
Terry
Thompson (CA)
Thompson (MS)
Tiahrt
Tiberti
Tierney
Towns
Turner
Udall (CO)
Udall (NM)
Upton
Van Hollen
Velázquez
Walsh (NY)
Walz (MN)
Wamp
Wasserman
Schultz
Waters
Watson
Watt
Waxman
Weiner
Welch (VT)

Weller
Westmoreland
Wexler
Whitfield
Wicker

Wilson (OH)
Wolf
Woolsey
Wu
Wynn

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Aderholt
Bachmann
Baker
Platts
Barrett (SC)
Porter
Bishop (UT)
Blackburn
Blunt
Boehner
Brady (TX)
Broun (GA)
Brown-Waite,
Ginny
Burton (IN)
Calvert
Campbell (CA)
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Cantor
Carter
Coble
Culberson
Davis (KY)
Deal (GA)
Doolittle
Dreier

Duncan
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Flake
Froxx
Franks (AZ)
Gallegly
Garrett (NJ)
Gingrey
Goode
Heller
Hensarling
Hunter
Inglis (SC)
Johnson, Sam
Jones (NC)
Kingston
Lamborn
Lewis (CA)
Lungren, Daniel
E.
Mack
Manzullo
McCrery
McHenry
McKeon

Mica
Miller (FL)
Myrick
Pence
Petri
Pitts
Poe
Price (GA)
Radanovich
Ramstad
Rohrabacher
Royce
Ryan (WI)
Sali
Sensenbrenner
Sessions
Shadegg
Stearns
Tancredo
Thornberry
Walberg
Walden (OR)
Weldon (FL)
Wilson (SC)

NOT VOTING—35

Arcuri
Bachus
Bishop (GA)
Bonner
Boyd (FL)
Brown, Corrine
Carson
Conyers
Cubin
Davis, Jo Ann
Dingell
Doyle

Everett
Hastert
Herger
Hinojosa
Hoekstra
Issa
Jackson-Lee
(TX)
Jindal
Johnson, E. B.
Jones (OH)
Kennedy

LaHood
Linder
Loftgren, Zoe
Marchant
McCaul (TX)
Moran (KS)
Moran (VA)
Paul
Perlmutter
Stark
Visclosky
Wilson (NM)

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore (during the vote). Members are advised there are less than 2 minutes remaining on this vote.

□ 1819

Ms. PRYCE of Ohio and Mr. BURGESS changed their vote from “nay” to “yea.”

So the bill was passed.

The result of the vote was announced as above recorded.

A motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Mr. PERLMUTTER. Mr. Speaker, due to a family emergency I missed the following votes on Thursday, September 27, 2007. I would have voted as follows: Taylor Amendment, Allows multiple peril and flood insurance coverage of apartment buildings up to the total of the number of dwelling units times the maximum coverage limit per residential unit—“yes”; Motion to recommit H.R. 3121—“no”; Final Passage of H.R. 3121—Flood Insurance Reform and Modernization Act of 2007—“yes”; Motion to Recommit H.R. 3567—“no”; Final passage H.R. 3567—Small Business Investment Expansion Act of 2007—“yes.”

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON of Texas. Mr. Speaker, due to a family health emergency, I was unable to be present for rollcall votes 891–923 on Monday, September 24 through Thursday, September 27, 2007. Had I been present, I would have voted in the fol-

lowing manner: “yea” on rollcall votes 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 911, 913, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 921, and 923; “nay” on rollcall votes 910, 912, 914, 920, and 922.

AUTHORIZING THE CLERK TO MAKE CORRECTIONS IN ENGROSSMENT OF H.R. 3567, SMALL BUSINESS INVESTMENT EXPANSION ACT OF 2007

Ms. VELÁZQUEZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the Clerk be authorized to make technical corrections in the engrossment of H.R. 3567, to include corrections in spelling, punctuation, section numbering and cross-referencing, and the insertion of appropriate headings.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MCINTYRE). Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

REMOVAL OF NAME OF MEMBER AS COSPONSOR OF H.R. 946

Ms. MALONEY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent to remove Representative EMANUEL CLEAVER as a cosponsor of H.R. 946, the Consumer Overdraft Protection Fair Practices Act. He was added to the bill in error.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from New York?

There was no objection.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. Sherman Williams, one of his secretaries.

LEGISLATIVE PROGRAM

(Mr. BLUNT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BLUNT. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the representative of the majority leader, the gentlelady from Florida (Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ), for the purpose of inquiring about next week's schedule.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, on Monday the House will meet at 12:30 p.m. for morning-hour business and 2 p.m. for legislative business, with votes rolled until 6:30 p.m.

We will consider several bills under suspension of the rules. A list of these bills will be announced by the close of business tomorrow.

On Tuesday, the House will meet at 9 a.m. for morning-hour business and 10 a.m. for legislative business.

On Wednesday and Thursday the House will meet at 10 a.m. for legislative business.

On Friday there will be no votes in the House.

We expect to consider H.R. 2470, legislation dealing with contractors who commit crimes overseas; H.R. 928, the Improving Government Accountability Act; and a bill to provide tax relief for mortgage debt forgiveness in the event of foreclosures.

Mr. BLUNT. I thank you for that information. It does look like to me that the schedule for next week is incredibly light for 3 days of work. Last week, when Mr. HOYER and I were talking about the problems of bringing the SCHIP bill to the floor without a conference, without any real opportunity for those of us on this side to see the bill, he said last week one of the reasons for that was the Senate was not able to go to conference. And I'm hoping on the four bills that the Senate has already passed, and we could go to conference on, that we see some action on those bills.

I think, particularly, the bill where the new benefits for military families and veterans that could be available as early as next Tuesday, October 1, aren't going to be available because we're not naming conferees. And I wonder if my friend has any sense of when we might be able to have one of those bills, or any appropriation bill, on the House floor now that the fiscal year is essentially, this is the last legislative working day in the fiscal year.

Four bills have been ready, one of them, the military quality of life and veterans bill, for some time now, with no apparent interest in going to conference and getting that bill done. And I know we notified the majority before that I'd be asking that question, and so I'm wondering if you have any sense of when any or all of those bills might actually be scheduled, particularly looking at the incredibly light workweek scheduled for next week.

And I yield to my friend.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Thank you very much. I thank the gentleman for yielding.

The gentleman will note that we did a lot of incredibly good work this week, passing the SCHIP bill, the Children's Health Insurance bill, passing the flood insurance bill off the floor this afternoon, passing the CR just yesterday. So there has been an incredible amount of good work done this week. And as far as the bills that you referenced, we will be planning to conference with the Senate as soon as they signify that they are ready to do that, and will be working diligently with them to bring those bills to the floor when the conference is complete and ready.

Mr. BLUNT. If I could reclaim my time here, I'd just point out that the Senate actually has requested not only a conference, but named conferees on all four of those bills. And I'd yield to you for anything you want to say about that. I mean, they're ready to go to conference, and I'm just asking why we're not so we can get some of this work done. And I'd yield.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. I'd be happy to answer the gentleman's ques-

tion. We are reviewing all of those bills and want to make sure that, obviously, the House is on equal footing with the Senate. And when we are ready to go to conference, we will certainly join them and make sure those bills are brought to the floor in as timely a fashion as possible.

Mr. BLUNT. Well, before we go to one other topic, I'd just say that for bills where we could have started, particularly for military families, the quality of life issues there and for veterans, I think it's a shame that we're not starting those on Tuesday, when they could have started.

The other thing that just happened, the President just sent the Peru Free Trade Agreement to the House. The Ways and Means Committee held its markup on the Peru Free Trade Agreement this week, and I've read, at least, that there's an intention, before we go to that trade agreement, to go to a trade adjustment bill that has not yet been written. That trade adjustment bill, when it has passed in the past, has passed with trade promotion authority. With no new trade promotion authority, there's less reason than there might have otherwise been for new trade adjustment authority. And more importantly, it seems, we might run the risk here of slowing the Peru agreement, the clock of which just started, if we wait for a bill that's not yet been written.

And I guess my two questions would be, do we plan to do trade adjustment assistance with TPA? And does the gentlelady have any sense of why it's necessary to do that before we do a trade agreement that we've already held the markup on and the President just sent down?

And I'd yield.

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Thank you. As far as the gentleman's reference to the military quality of life bill at the beginning of your remarks, I will remind the gentleman that we did pass, in the military health care and veterans bill, the largest single increase in health care in the 77-year history of the Veterans Administration. So we are certainly doing everything we can to expand access to health care and improve the quality of life of our military veterans.

Referring to the gentleman's question about the trade adjustment act and Peru, I'll remind the gentleman that the Ways and Means Committee did conduct a markup this very week. We are fully engaged in working on the Peru trade agreement and will be working on the trade adjustment act simultaneously to the free trade agreement with Peru.

Mr. BLUNT. I thank the gentlelady.

Mr. Speaker, I'd just say that, one, as we have started that clock, I think it's very important that we keep on schedule, particularly since this will be really the first bill that the majority has done under the TPA standards, and we want to work closely with the majority on that.

And I'd also point out that it's obvious we have not done everything we could have done for military families and veterans, or we'd have a bill that goes into effect next Tuesday instead of some time later this year.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back.

DISPENSING WITH CALENDAR WEDNESDAY BUSINESS ON WEDNESDAY NEXT

Ms. WASSERMAN SCHULTZ. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that the business in order under the Calendar Wednesday rule be dispensed with on Wednesday next.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentlewoman from Florida?

There was no objection.

REMARKS MADE BY RUSH LIMBAUGH

(Mr. PALLONE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, yesterday House Republicans offered a motion to recommit condemning MoveOn.org for its advertisement stating that General Petraeus had "betrayed us."

I'm wondering if they'll show similar outrage over statements made yesterday by conservative radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh. Yesterday, Limbaugh called servicemembers who support a withdrawal from Iraq "phony soldiers."

Is Limbaugh serious? Is a soldier who is honorably serving our Nation in Iraq any less a soldier if he questions what appears to be a never-ending war?

Last month, seven soldiers from the U.S. Army 82nd Airborne Division wrote an op-ed in the New York Times questioning our continued war efforts, but also stating: "We need not talk about our morale. As committed soldiers we will see this mission through."

Now, since publication of that op-ed, two of the soldiers have died. As this op-ed shows, soldiers may question the war, but that does not mean that they're any less committed to their mission.

And now I wonder if Republicans who showed so much outrage towards MoveOn yesterday will hold Rush Limbaugh to the same standard. And I wouldn't hold your breath.

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HONORING EMILY KEYES

(Mr. LAMBORN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in remembrance of Emily Keyes and the tragic event that touched the community of Bailey, Colorado 1 year ago today.

That morning Emily and six of her classmates were taken hostage at gunpoint by a deranged man as they sat in